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AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

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SUBJ: DESALINATION FACT FINDING MISSION

REF: A) STATE 106806; B) DOHA 0510

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON GOQ DIRECTOR OF WATER AHMAD JITAL TO DISCUSS DESIRABILITY OF MISSION STOP IN DOHA. AS REPORTED REF B, JITAL STATED THAT GOQ IS PLANNING NO RPT NO ADDITIONAL DESALINATION PLANTS APART FROM RAS ABU FONTAS EXTENSION AND UMM SAID POWER/DESALINATION PLANT. SHOULD DECISION BE MADE AT FUTURE DATE TO INCREASE DESALINATION CAPACITY, JITAL EXPRESSED STRONG CONVICTION THAT GOQ WOULD RELY ON TRIED AND TRUE MSF TECHNOLOGY. HE SAID THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER NEW SYSTEM ONLY IF IT WERE IN SUCCESSFUL COMMERCIAL OPERATION ELSEWHERE IN GULF AREA.

2. RE MISSION VISIT, JITAL SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH GROUP HIMSELF AND ARRANGE FOR TALKS WITH WATER DEPT ENGINEERS. HE ADDED THAT TOURS TO OPERATING DESALINATION PLANTS COULD ALSO BE ARRANGED. IF MISSION MEMBERS STILL INTERESTED IN DOHA STOP IN LIGHT OF INFO PROVIDED PARA 1, PLEASE ADVISE DATES OF VISIT ASAP SO EMBASSY CAN ATTEMPT TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS. SINCE JITAL WILL BE OUT OF QATAR FROM MAY 20 TO JUNE 6, SUGGEST MISSION COME TO DOHA AFTER STOP IN SAUDI ARABIA.

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